(b) and (c) Proposals for doubling the capacity of existing plants at Vijaipur, Aonla and Jagdispur to give an additional capacity of 21,78 lakh tonnes of Urea per annum have been identified for the Eighth Five Year Plan. Four new plants are currently under implementation at Shahjahanpur (U.P.), Babrala (U.P.), Gadepan (Rajasthan) and Kakinada (A.P.) with a total capacity of 26.73 lakh tonnes of Urea per annum. Another plant of 2.54 lakh tonnes capacity is contemplated in Krishna Godaveri besin.

650. [*Transferred to the 6th December, 1991*]

Retention Price-cum-Subsidy Scheme

651. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of fertilizer subsidy being paid at present by Government under the Retention Price-*cum*-Subsidy Scheme; and

(b) the amount of freight subsidy being paid by Government to cover transportation charges for fertilizers from production units to rail heads and block headquarters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The Budget provision for subsidy payable on indigenous fertilizers by the Government under the Retention Price-*cum*-Subsidy Scheme during the current financial year 1991-92 is Rs. 2386.65 crores.

(b) The budget for the freight subsidy during the current financial year 1991-92 is Rs. 513.35 crores.

Reduction/exemption of duties on various drugs

652. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs and intermediates on which custom and excise duty have been reduced or exempted during the current year and what is the extent of reduction in each case;

(b) what are the names of drugs and intermediates for which requests are still pending for reduction and exemption of duties and since when each is pending and reasons therefor;

(c) what was the objective of reduction in each case and to what extent it has been achieved so far;

(d) whether price of any finished medicine has been reduced following the reduction/exemption of duties on bulk drugs, intermediates, raw materials and formulations;

(e) if so, what was the earlier price and what is the revised price after reduction or exemption of duties;

(f) what was the loss of revenue on account of above action; and

(g) what is the reduction in prices of formulations after the custom duty as Ibuprofen, cetramide was reduced and what is the earlier and reduced price of each?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The names of bulk drugs and intermediates on which customs and excise duty have been reduced or exempted during the current year are available in different notifications issued by the Ministry of Finance in the month of July/September 1991 and which are available in Parliament Library.

(b) The proposals of custom duty reduction o fe:xemption are examined in this Department as and when received and recommendations are sent to the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance on Merits and case to case basis. It is an on going process;

(c) to (g) The objective of reduction, exemption in duty is to encourage the production of bulk drugs from the more basic stage and is not linked necessarily